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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM NO. 186

16 June 1949

SUBJECT: Significance of Movement of the Caribbean Legion.

The Caribbean Legion remains a vigorous and significant force in Central American-Caribbean intergovernmental relationships. Recent events indicate that the Legion remains in possession of its arms and has recently, with the connivance of certain of the "democracies", shifted its base of operations from Costa Rica to Guatemala. The movements of Caribbean Legion personnel, airplanes, and materiel afford ample evidence of the shift.

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can Ambassador complained to the Department of State that the Caribbean Legion again appeared active and that a meeting of Legionnaires had been held to arrange renewed revolutionary endeavors.

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[redacted] it seems clear that the Legion is probably engaged in the formulation of some definite operational plans.

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and men with which to repel all invaders; it is true also that Somoza's Guardia Nacional appears capable of resisting any Legion attack. The "democracies", however, have definitely gained strength. The resulting imbalance from this change has combined with traditions of revolutionary conspiracy and the use of force as a political instrument to create a general atmosphere of uncertainty. This could encourage opposition forces to take positive action.